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Functional Toilets
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Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the measures taken by the Government to monitor that the toilets constructed under the Swachh BharatMission-Grameen (SBM-G) are functional;
(b) the current status of toilets constructed under the SBM-G and the funds allocated for the same since its inception, State-wise;
(c) the steps taken by the Government to create awareness and sensitise rural people for proper cleanliness; and
(d) whether any assistance has been provided by the Government for hand soaps, toilet cleaners etc. in public toilets and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER & SANITATION
(SHRI RAMESH CHANDAPPA JIGAJINAGI)

(a) Post ODF verification carried out by third parties like the NLM (National Level Monitors) focuses on functionality of toilets constructed alongwith the other aspects. Also the World Bank supported IVA (Independent Verification Agency) for conducting National Annual Rural Sanitation survey would be covering the functionality aspect of the toilets.

(b) State/UT-wise, number of Individual household latrines (IHHLs) constructed and central share released from 2.10.2014 to 14.3.2017 under Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) is at Annexure-1. Ministry does not maintain data on functionality of toilets. However, as per Swachhata Status Report 2015, published by National Sample Survey Office, in rural India of the households having sanitary toilet, percentage of persons using toilet was 95.6%.

(c) The focus of Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) is on behaviour change of people to adopt safe sanitation and use toilet. In order to educate the people, the programme lays emphasis on community involvement. Under Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin), upto 5% of total resources can be spent on Information, Education and Communication(IEC) for State and District level. 3% of the resources can be used at the Central level for the same purpose. Further for creating awareness about sanitation and generating demand for sanitation facilities, including toilets, a Sanitation and Hygiene Advocacy and Communication Strategy Framework has been adopted by the Ministry for activities under Information, Education and Communication (IEC). States are preparing and implementing State and district level IEC Plans based on this strategy framework. Massive media campaigns have been started at National level using Audio Visual (TV) and Audio (Radio). States are also carrying out IEC campaign including interpersonal Communication (IPC). Also cleanliness campaigns are held at regular intervals.

(d) No. The responsibility of Operation and Maintenance of Community Sanitary Complexes lies with Gram Panchayats.